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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT US02/01671, filed on January 18, 2002 entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR QUALITY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF A SUPPLIER BASE, which designated the United States.

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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 - 3 =	0	x 84 =	0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ 0 =	0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	+ 750.00
				Total of above Calculations =	750.00
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				Total =	\$750.00

1. Enclosed are the specification; claims and drawing(s).
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
5. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ division of international application number PCT \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."

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8. ☒ A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
9. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

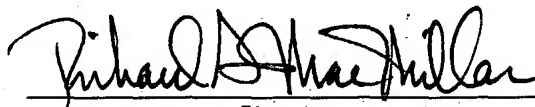
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- ☐ Inventor(s)/Applicant(s)
- ☐ Assignee of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☒ Attorney or agent of record
- ☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)  
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